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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) : Whether the Government has made any assessment regarding such cottage and small scale industries which are not using electricity for their production;
- (b) : If so, the percentage of the contribution of the said industries in the growth rate of economy;
- (c) : Where the exemption from excise duty granted to the said industries has been withdrawn for the year 2006-07; and
- (d) : If so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As per the results of the 3rd All India Census of registered small scale industries (SSIs) and Sample Survey of unregistered units (with base year 2001-02), out of an estimated 13.8 lakh registered SSI units, 34.6 per cent units were not using electricity as the main source of power. Similarly, out of an estimated 91.5 lakh unregistered SSI units, 56 per cent units were not using electricity as the main source of power. The percentage of contribution of industries not using electricity to the Gross Domestic Products (GDP) was 1.23 per cent at the end of March 2004.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.